

2004 Advisory Committee on Integrated Government

Final Report Talking Points

I. Membership

- Co-Chaired by Delegate Nixon, Delegate Plum, and Senator Howell.
- Composed of 18 citizen members from the public and private sectors who possess a wide variety of experiences and knowledge.
- Met 4 times: June 30, August 17, October 5, November 16.
- The Advisory Committee on Integrated Government was charged with exploring the issues created or enhanced by the transformation of government in the electronic age.

II. Meetings

- Briefed on VITA's Project Management Division.
 - ✓ Project Management Division assists agencies throughout the entire process of project proposal, planning and implementation.
- Briefed on proposals received under the Public-Private Education and Infrastructures Act (PPEA).
 - ✓ Received 5 proposals and accepted 4 to proceed
 - ✓ PPEA proposals must be open to the entire Commonwealth and must include enterprise integration.
- Presentation on information technology savings achieved by VITA's participation in the Virginia Partners in Procurement project.
 - ✓ Analyzed purchasing patterns for IT spending.
 - ✓ Current spending and savings for the last 11 months of fiscal year 2004 were \$123.1 million (115 percent of the target) and \$15.4 million (127 percent of the target), respectively.
- Updated on information technology procurement reform:
 - ✓ Included discussion of VITA's standard terms and conditions utilized in IT contracts, such as adopting a revised limitation of liability clause that limits the supplier's liability for damage to government property to two times the value of the contract or annual value of the contract, or \$1 million, whichever is greater;
 - ✓ Efforts being made to produce effective contracts that memorialize the deal within the "four corners" of the contract;
 - ✓ Increased involvement of small woman and minority owned (SWAM) businesses by increasing visibility of opportunities to suppliers and increasing focus on SWAM objectives.
- Talked about certified electronic mail and electronics recycling.
- Reviewed the current provisions found in the both the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the Acts of Assembly relating to electronic communications meetings.

- Presentation on the development of the Commonwealth's strategic plan for communications interoperability.
 - ✓ The Commonwealth created the position of Interoperability Coordinator for the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety.
 - ✓ The goal is to establish interoperability as a high priority in the Commonwealth with common standards, a common approach to lifecycle planning and extensive training and information sharing.
 - ✓ Being the first state in the nation to create a governance structure for interoperable communications, the Commonwealth serves as a model for the nation.
- Received overview of policy issues involved in outsourcing and offshoring, and highlights of bills introduced at the 2004 Session of the General Assembly that would impact outsourcing and offshoring.

III. Recommendations

- JCOTS should consider four legislative proposals presented by VITA:
 - ✓ Eliminate a preference in the Virginia Public Procurement Act competitive sealed bidding over competitive negotiation;
 - ✓ Allow public bodies to purchase information technology and telecommunications goods and services from online public auctions and through cooperative procurement arrangements with approval of the Chief Information Officer;
 - ✓ Authorize VITA to conduct an Alternative Dispute Resolution Pilot Project;
 - ✓ Allow closed meetings to be held to discuss records already exempted from public disclosure relating to the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA).
- Allowing the Acts of Assembly relating to electronic communications meetings to expire on July 1, 2005; A bill that amends FOIA to codify some of the provisions of the Acts of Assembly relating to electronic communications meetings.